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LCO No. 2721

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 31-58 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (j) "Minimum fair wage" in any industry or occupation in this state
5 means a wage of not less than six dollars and seventy cents per hour,
6 and effective January 1, 2003, not less than six dollars and ninety cents
7 per hour, and effective January 1, 2004, not less than seven dollars and
8 ten cents per hour, and effective January 1, 2006, not less than eight
9 dollars per hour, and annually thereafter, not less than the minimum
10 fair wage then in effect plus an additional percentage equal to the
11 percentage increase, if any, in the National Consumer Price Index for
12 Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, or a successor index, for
13 the previous twelve-month period rounded to the nearest whole cent,
14 or one-half of one per cent rounded to the nearest whole cent more
15 than the highest federal minimum wage, whichever is greater, except
16 as may otherwise be established in accordance with the provisions of
17 this part. All wage orders in effect on October 1, 1971, wherein a lower

18 minimum fair wage has been established, are amended to provide for
19 the payment of the minimum fair wage herein established except as
20 hereinafter provided. Whenever the highest federal minimum wage is
21 increased, the minimum fair wage established under this part shall be
22 increased to the amount of said federal minimum wage plus one-half
23 of one per cent more than said federal rate, rounded to the nearest
24 whole cent, effective on the same date as the increase in the highest
25 federal minimum wage, and shall apply to all wage orders and
26 administrative regulations then in force. The rates for learners,
27 beginners, and persons under the age of eighteen years shall be not
28 less than eighty-five per cent of the minimum fair wage for the first
29 two hundred hours of such employment and equal to the minimum
30 fair wage thereafter, except institutional training programs specifically
31 exempted by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	31-58(j)

LAB *Joint Favorable*